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## <u>Tipp City Electric receives National Recognition for Reliable Electric Operations</u>

Tipp City electric is one of the 184 of the nation's more than 2,000 public power utilities to earn the Reliable Public Power Provider (RP<sub>3</sub>) designation from the American Public Power Association for providing consumers with the highest degree of reliable and safe electric service. Brent McKinney, manager, electric transmission and distribution at City Utilities of Springfield, Mo., and chair of the APPA's RP<sub>3</sub> Review Panel, presented the designees on April 7<sup>th</sup> during the association's annual Engineering and Operations Technical conference held in Oklahoma City, OK.

The RP<sub>3</sub> designation recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvement. Criteria within each category are based on sound business practices and represent a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity, the RP<sub>3</sub> designation lasts for three years, so the 94 utilities that earned the designation this year join the 90 that received it last year.

"RP<sub>3</sub> utilities are providing the high level of service to communities all over the country," said McKinney, "These 94 designees stand out as models of safe, reliable and forward thinking utility operations."

We're honored to receive the RP<sub>3</sub> designation," said Christy Butera, Director of Utilities for Tipp City. "Our utility staff puts in a lot of hard work to serve this community. RP<sub>3</sub> represents a much appreciated recognition of this hard work."

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